

**Macon County Board of Commissioners**  
**Courthouse Commissioner's Meeting Room**

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022

6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Chairman Carl Oliver  
Commissioner Vice-Chairman Bob Melvin  
Commissioner A. Richmond Felton  
Commissioner Benjamin Haugabook, Sr.  
Commissioner Mickey George  
Kelvin C. Lewis, County Manager  
Roselyn Starling, Deputy County Manager  
Satina S. James, Deputy County Clerk  
Jon Coogle, County Attorney

Commissioner-Chairman Oliver called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Chairman Oliver called for a motion to approve minutes. Commissioner Haugabook made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Vice-Chairman Melvin seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

Commissioner George requested to add to the agenda as Old Business No.1, Resend of the Commissioners approval of the Road Maintenance Proposal. Commissioner Felton made the motion to add Resend Approval of Road Maintenance Proposal. Commissioner George seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

**Invited Guest:** None

**Committee/Department Reports:** None

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Old Business: Resend Approval of Road Maintenance Proposal.**

Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Commissioner Felton made a motion to Resend Commissioners approval of Road Maintenance Proposal. Commissioner Haugabook seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**1. Workers Pay Scale Challenges** – County Manager shared with Commissioners that as competing wages are a challenge overall with recruiting employees for the County; specifically, now we need to address EMS and Recreation Summer Camp Workers.

**EMS** – EMS Director George Joiner asked the Commissioners for \$2.00 across the board increase for all EMS employees. EMTs in surrounding Counties have received a \$3 to \$4 increase in the last 3 months and although the County's contribution of medical insurance is appealing, he cannot compete with surrounding areas pay in recruiting EMTs. EMS department currently has 13 employees and 4 vacancies. EMS Director presented a general summary of a proposal to contract with surrounding area nursing homes for basic life runs. This proposal would require running an additional truck (which the County has) and employing 6 additional EMTs. In discussion, questions and answers with the Commissioners, EMS Director was asked to give the Commissioners projected cost analysis of revenues and expenses for the nursing home contract proposal and the projected cost for the requested \$2.00 an hour increases for current EMTs with a full staff. EMS Director also reported, and County Manager Lewis confirmed that the new billing company is going well, and they are seeing promising results in receipts.

Regular Meeting

April 5, 2022

**Summer Camp Workers** – County Manager Lewis and Athletic Director Dexter McKenzie requested a pay adjustment of \$10.00 per hour for the Retired Educators and \$9.00 per hour for other camp support workers. Summer Camp is scheduled for 5 weeks. Participation goal is 150; registration is currently 103. Summer Camp is essentially self-funded with the registration fees and local donations. Commissioners discussed the need to factor in cost of FICA tax and worker compensation insurance for hired support staff. They requested County Manager Lewis provide cost projections for Summer Camp and identify funds needed from General Funds. Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Commissioner Haugabook made a motion to table approval of requested pay increase/adjustment to the next work session, with a request of cost projections of Summer Camp and funds needed from General Funds. Vice-Chairman Melvin seconded the motion. In discussion, Commissioners agreed a motion could be approved for the pay increase at the next work session. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. Garbage Services Contract and Rates**

County Manager Lewis negotiated a one-year contract with GFL Environment with terms to add an off-road truck to establish better service on dirt roads. GFL contract increase from \$9.91 to \$16.90 for first cart and \$8.42 to \$12.00 for second cart. County Manager is recommending the County increase its monthly service rate to \$25.00 a month starting July 1, 2022. Commissioners expressed the need for the increase to be communicated through local news mediums. County Manager Lewis is working hard to have the Tax Commissioner add the waste management service fees to citizen's property taxes. Discussions on outstanding waste collection accounts. Many customers have years of past due services not paid. County Manager Lewis asked to collect the cans on accounts in arrears of a year and beyond. Commissioners discussed putting liens on properties of these accounts. Also, taking significantly past due customers to Magistrate Court for collections.

Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Commissioner Haugabook made a motion to approve the one-year contract with GFL Environmental at \$16.90 per cart per home and \$12.00 per second cart. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Haugabook made a motion to table approval of the County's waste collection increase amount to the next work session. Vice-Chairman Melvin seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Whitewater Damage Management**

County Manager Lewis reported that insurance adjuster has assessed the damage. We have no grounds insurance protection for clearing. Removal will have to be paid from the Fund Balance. Trees need to be cleared from the buildings for insurance company to assess building damage. Because of the County's Emergency Declaration, it is not necessary to follow the normal bidding process. The Commissioners' together with Whitewater Park Manager, Darin Barfield and County Manager Lewis reviewed and discussed the submitted bids from vendors to remove the storm debris from Whitewater Park. Discussion on the need for vendors to have the proper equipment for removal, and that timing was essential to avoid tree dryness, thereby compromising grinding. Focus on removing trees from site; not recommending burning. After discussion, it was decided to get clarification on some of the submitted bids and get the opinions of County Forestry experts or someone from International Paper to review the bids for best vendor choice. Bid selection to be made at the next work session. Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Commissioner Felton made a motion to table the timber removal vendor selection from Whitewater Park to the next work session. Commissioner Haugabook seconded the motion. Commissioners voted 4 Yes (CO, BM, BH, RF) to 1 No (MG). The motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Chairman Oliver called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haugabook made the motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Melvin seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

  
Carl Oliver, Chairman